

JANUARY 13, 1809.

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Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

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## A Bill,

For the relief of Alexander Baillie.

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1    *Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2    *of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That*  
3    *the secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and*  
4    *required, by himself, or some trusty agent whom he may appoint*  
5    *for that purpose, to enquire into the pecuniary circumstances of*  
6    *Alexander Baillie, late collector of the customs, for the port of*  
7    *Natchez, in the Mississippi territory, who has been arrested and*  
8    *imprisoned at the suit of the United States, in said territory ;*  
9    *and if said Alexander Baillie shall assign and convey, to the secre-*  
10    *tary aforesaid, all the estate, real and personal, which he may*  
11    *own, or be entitled to, in possession, remainder or reversion, to*  
12    *the proper use and benefit of the United States ; or if he the said*

13 Baillie, shall prove to the satisfaction of the secretary, or agent  
14 aforesaid, that he has no estate, and has not transferred all, or  
15 any part of his property, with intent to avoid the payment of the  
16 sum for which he is imprisoned, or to defraud the United States,  
17 then the said secretary shall give to said Baillie, a certificate dis-  
18 charging him from the custody of the sheriff, under the suit afore-  
19 said, instituted in favor of the United States : *Provided*, That the  
20 said Baillie shall pay and satisfy all fees and expenses, which may  
21 have arisen in consequence of his imprisonment aforesaid : *And*  
22 *provided also*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to dis-  
23 charge the securities of said Baillie, from their liability to pay the  
24 whole, or any part of the sum of money due from the said Baillie  
25 to the United States, nor to release any estate which the said  
26 Baillie may hereafter acquire, from being liable to satisfy such  
27 sum of money, as he may stand indebted to the United States,  
28 after deducting whatever amount his said securities may be com-  
29 pelled to pay, by virtue of the bond given by said Baillie, as col-  
30 lector aforesaid.